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3	Nancy Raca - Speaker for Highland Planning
4	Anne - Speaker for Highland Planning
5	Douglas McPherson - Speaker for Empire State
6	Development
7	Sinade Wadsworth - Representative for the New York
8	City District Council of Carpenters
9	Jay Sorid - Private citizen
10	Raul Rothblatt - Representative for the New York
11	Assembly
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- MS. RACA: Okay. Good evening and
- 3 welcome to the virtual public hearing for the Modified
- 4 General Project Plan, or GPP, for the proposed Utica
- 5 Crescent Mixed Use Project.
- 6 My name is Nancy Raca, and I'm the
- 7 hearing officer for tonight's public hearing, which is
- 8 scheduled to run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- 9 I've been asked by the New York State
- 10 Urban Development Corporation, doing business as Empire
- 11 State Development or ESD, to conduct this public hearing
- 12 pursuant to Section 16 of the New York State Urban
- 13 Development Corporation Act. The purpose of this
- 14 hearing is to inform the public about the Utica Crescent
- 15 Mixed Use Project and to consider and receive public
- 16 comment on ESD's proposed Second Modified General
- 17 Project Plan, or GPP, for the project.
- The legal notice for tonight's hearing
- 19 was published in the March 13th, 2023, edition of the
- 20 New York Daily News. As stated in the notice, copies of
- 21 the proposed GPP are available on ESD's project website
- 22 at esd.ny.gov/utica-crescent, and hard copies of the GPP
- 23 may also be obtained free of charge by contacting Stacey
- 24 Teran at ESD 633 3rd Avenue, 37th Floor, New York, New
- 25 York 10017, or by phone at (212) 803-3729.

- I will be joined on screen tonight by
- 2 Douglas McPherson, ESD's AVP of Real Estate Development
- 3 and Planning, who will describe the proposed project
- 4 modifications and its public purpose and benefits. Two
- 5 American Sign Language interpreters also will be joining
- 6 us on screen.
- 7 My purpose is to run this hearing in a
- 8 fair and impartial manner and to try to ensure that
- 9 everyone who wishes to speak has an adequate opportunity
- 10 to be heard. This is not a question and answer session.
- 11 Rather, it is an opportunity for you to present your
- 12 views so that ESD can consider them in making its final
- determinations about the proposed GPP and project.
- 14 Please note that a stenographic
- 15 transcript of this hearing will be produced. A link to
- 16 the full transcript of this hearing will be made
- available on ESD's website at esd.ny.gov/utica-crescent.
- Now I'd like to take care of some
- 19 administrative matters by asking the stenographer to
- 20 mark the following documents as exhibits to the hearing
- 21 transcript.
- 22 Exhibit 1, a copy of the public hearing
- 23 notice that appeared in the New York Daily News along
- 24 with the affidavit of publication attesting to the
- 25 publication of the notice.

- 1 (Exhibit 1 marked for identification.)
 2 MS. RACA: And Exhibit 2 the Proposed
- 3 Second Modified General Project Plan.
- 4 (Exhibit 2 marked for identification.)
- 5 MS. RACA: Next slide.
- 6 In making its final determination about
- 7 the proposed Second Modified GPP and project, ESD will
- 8 consider all comments made tonight as well as any
- 9 written comments submitted to and received by ESD on or
- 10 before the close of the public comment period at 5:00
- 11 p.m., on Friday, May 12th, 2023. Instructions for
- 12 submitting written comments can be found on the slide on
- 13 screen now.
- 14 For those who cannot see the screen, the
- 15 email address is uticacrescent@esd.ny.gov. And the
- 16 mailing address is in care of Stacey, S-T-A-C-E-Y,
- 17 Teran, T-E-R-A-N at Empire State Development, 633 3rd
- 18 Avenue, 37th Floor, New York, New York 10017.
- 19 Next slide.
- 20 I would like to share a few additional
- 21 notes regarding the public comment portion of this
- 22 public hearing. If you signed up to speak before the
- 23 hearing during the registration process, we have your
- 24 name and you will be called during the testimony portion
- of this hearing. If you have not registered but wish to

- 1 speak, please enter your first and last name into the
- 2 chat feature of this Zoom, which can be found by
- 3 clicking on the chat icon on the menu bar. Please note
- 4 that the chat function is available only to provide your
- 5 name in the event you wish to provide verbal comments.
- 6 Any comments submitted in the chat function box will not
- 7 be considered official comments for the record. All
- 8 written comments must be provided to the email address
- 9 provided in the notices, which we will put on the screen
- 10 here today as well.
- If you are joining by phone only, you may
- 12 press star 9 to indicate your desire to provide verbal
- 13 testimony. If you would like to express your comments
- 14 in American Sign Language, please type your name and the
- 15 letters ASL in the chat, and we will allow you to turn
- 16 your video on so you may sign.
- 17 If you are signing up to speak through
- 18 the chat, we will add you to the end of the speaker
- 19 list. Speakers on the phone will be identified by their
- 20 name or their phone number. The option to sign up to
- 21 speak will end at 7:30 p.m., 30 minutes before the close
- 22 of the hearing at 8:00 p.m.
- 23 In order to give everyone an ample
- 24 opportunity to speak, speakers should keep their
- 25 comments limited to no more than three minutes. If any

- 1 speakers are unable to conclude their remarks in the
- 2 allotted time, they may be given an opportunity to
- 3 conclude once all speakers have been given an
- 4 opportunity to speak, if time allows. In order to
- 5 ensure an accurate transcript, please state your first
- 6 and last name, and if you wish, the community that you
- 7 represent at the outset of your remarks. If you are
- 8 appearing as representative of an organization or
- 9 governmental entity, please identify the organization or
- 10 entity and its address.
- I will now give you a minute to read the
- 12 instructions before I move on. Again, these
- instructions will appear periodically throughout the
- 14 hearing. Before we begin the testimony portion of this
- 15 hearing to hear your comments, we will be hearing from
- 16 Doug McPherson of ESD, who will summarize the Proposed
- 17 Second Modified General Project plan.
- 18 So I'll give you one minute here to take
- 19 a look.
- 20 (Pause.)
- MS. RACA: Okay. Next slide.
- Doug, go ahead.
- 23 MR. MCPHERSON: Thank you Nancy, and good
- 24 evening.
- 25 Empire State Development is proposing to

- 1 modify the General Project Plan for the Utica Crescent
- 2 Mixed Use Project. The proposed modification was
- 3 adopted by ESD's directors on the 16th of February 2023,
- 4 and this hearing is an opportunity for the public to
- 5 provide comments on the modification. Members of the
- 6 public can review the second modified GPP and other
- 7 documents related to the project at the web address
- 8 displayed on screen.
- 9 The Utica Crescent Mixed Use Project is
- 10 part of Vital Brooklyn, a comprehensive New York State
- 11 development initiative that addresses chronic social,
- 12 economic, and health disparities in Central Brooklyn.
- 13 In November of 2018, New York State Homes and Community
- 14 Renewal issued a Request for Proposals, or RFP, for the
- 15 redevelopment of several properties, including the site
- of the proposed project, which is owned by Kingsbrook
- 17 Jewish Medical Center, an affiliate of One Brooklyn
- 18 Health.
- 19 ESD is sponsoring the project in
- 20 partnership with New York State's Division of Homes and
- 21 Community Renewal, or HCR, and in July of 2020, ESD,
- 22 working in partnership with HCR, selected a team led by
- 23 Monadnock Development as the conditionally designated
- 24 developer for the proposed project described in the GPP
- 25 and summarized in this presentation. This proposed

- 1 project aims to advance Vital Brooklyn through the
- 2 redevelopment of the project site shown on screen, which
- 3 is currently a surface parking lot.
- 4 Since the original General Project Plan
- 5 approvals, it has been determined that a deed
- 6 restriction dating back to the 1940s inhibits the
- 7 developer's ability to build on a portion of the site in
- 8 accordance with the GPP currently in effect.
- 9 Specifically, the restriction would prohibit the
- 10 multifamily affordable housing, health and community
- 11 facilities at the affected location. Today, the project
- 12 site address is 832 Rutland Road in East Flatbush. You
- 13 can advance to the next slide. Which you can see on
- 14 screen here. Next slide.
- The site is generally bordered by Utica
- 16 Avenue on the east, Rutland Road on the north, east 49th
- 17 Street on the west. Two properties, a house of worship,
- 18 and a private home border the site on the south. The
- 19 site is currently underutilized and the proposed project
- 20 would ensure this condition does not persist into the
- 21 coming decades. Utica Crescent is primarily comprised
- 22 of affordable and supportive housing, medical
- 23 facilities, other community facilities, commercial
- 24 space, and parking.
- 25 The apartment sizes range from studios to

- 1 family sized three bedrooms, and all of the units would
- 2 be affordable for households earning equal to or less
- 3 than 80 percent of the area median income, while at
- 4 least a quarter of the units would be affordable to
- 5 households earning equal to or less than 50 percent of
- 6 the area median income. 89 of the units would be set
- 7 aside for seniors and are anticipated to be funded
- 8 through the Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative.
- 9 The proposed modification would make the
- 10 following changes to the GPP's description of the
- 11 building program: the first proposed change would
- 12 reduce the amount of square footage allotted to cellar
- 13 parking, while expanding the amount of allowable surface
- 14 parking space. In terms of spaces, the cellar parking
- 15 would be reduced from 64 spaces to 53 spaces, while the
- 16 surface parking would expand from 25 spaces to 39
- 17 spaces. The amount of parking the project will create
- 18 by introducing stackers to the Kingsbrook Medical
- 19 Center's south lot will remain unchanged.
- Overall, the number of parking spaces
- 21 would increase slightly with a proposed modification.
- 22 The maximum allowable residential, commercial, medical
- 23 facility, and community facility spaces would remain
- 24 unchanged from the original GPP.
- The second proposed change would

- 1 reconfigure the unit mix slightly increasing the number
- 2 of studio apartments, while making slight reductions to
- 3 the number of one bedrooms, two bedrooms, and three
- 4 bedroom units. This change is a direct result of the
- 5 deed restriction mentioned earlier, which shrinks --
- 6 which shrinks the footprint of Utica Crescent's
- 7 Residential Building, thereby inhibiting the
- 8 construction of larger residential units without
- 9 increasing the maximum height of the project.
- To illustrate the impact of the reduced
- 11 developable area on the project site, the top of this
- 12 slide shows the original building design with the area
- of the site impacted by the covenants restrictions
- 14 highlighted in red. At the bottom of the slide, you can
- 15 see the updated design which removes proposed
- 16 development from the restricted area and redistributes
- 17 it to the residential tower facing Utica Avenue.
- The modification increases height on the
- 19 Utica Tower from nine stories to 12 stories, matching
- 20 the height of the tower on East 49th Street. To
- 21 illustrate how the modification affects the design at
- 22 the ground floor level, this slide shows the original
- 23 ground floor plan. With the proposed modification, the
- 24 residential lobbies become better integrated, while the
- 25 location of some community facilities and both the

- 1 surface and garage parking entrances shift to different
- 2 portions of the site. Next slide.
- In sum, the modification would maintain
- 4 the same number of affordable units at Utica Crescent.
- 5 Next slide. Minimize the impact to parking and other
- 6 uses. Next slide. And deliver the same high quality
- 7 amenities and public benefits as the current plan
- 8 without resulting in any significant adverse impacts.
- 9 ESD's general project plan would override local zoning
- 10 to, among other things, allow the redistribution of bulk
- 11 from the area restricted by the deed covenant to the
- 12 residential tower on Utica Avenue.
- 13 This slide shows a detailed elevation of
- 14 the redesigned Utica Avenue Tower, which, as I mentioned
- 15 before, increases from nine stories to 12 stories.
- 16 Bulkheads for elevators in a solar array are also
- 17 permitted. Next slide. This slide shows a zoom in of
- 18 the Utica Avenue facade that offers more detail on the
- 19 commercial space and the pedestrian experience. ESD has
- 20 engaged with HCR in a coordinated environmental review
- 21 of the project in accordance with the State
- 22 Environmental Quality Review Act, or SECRA, with HCR
- 23 serving as lead agency for that review.
- 24 An environmental assessment for EA
- 25 concluded that the project will not have any significant

- 1 adverse environmental impacts. And based on the EA and
- 2 various technical memoranda that have reviewed project
- 3 modifications over time, including the proposed
- 4 modifications, both HCR and ESD continue to find that
- 5 the project will not have any significant adverse
- 6 impacts on the environment.
- 7 ESD currently expects construction on the
- 8 building to begin later this year and to conclude by the
- 9 end of 2025. You will find further details on the Utica
- 10 Crescent page of the ESD website. Tonight's public
- 11 hearing and the public comment period that follow are
- 12 important opportunities for community stakeholders and
- 13 the general public to express their views to ESD about
- 14 the proposed modification. Thank you all for your time.
- 15 It's been my pleasure to walk through the project with
- 16 you and we're looking forward to your comments.
- 17 MS. RACA: Thanks. Next slide. Thank
- 18 you, Doug. As I mentioned at the beginning of the
- 19 hearing, if you signed up to speak before the hearing
- 20 during the registration process, we have your name. You
- 21 can see the names of those who registered ahead of time
- 22 on the screen and you will be called in the order you
- 23 registered.
- 24 If you have not registered but wish to
- 25 speak, please enter your first and last name into the

- 1 chat feature of this zoom, which can be found by
- 2 clicking on the chat icon on the menu bar. If you would
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- 11 for the record. All written comments must be provided
- 12 to the email address provided in the notices which we
- 13 will put on the screen here today as well. The option
- 14 to sign up to speak will end 30 minutes before the close
- of the hearing at 8:00 p.m. Each speaker will be
- 16 allotted three minutes to assure that everyone gets a
- 17 chance to provide their thoughts here tonight.
- 18 Finally, I want to remind you that the
- 19 purpose of this hearing is to afford you an opportunity
- 20 to make comments about the proposed Second Modified
- 21 General Project Plan. This is not a question and answer
- 22 session, nor is it an opportunity to discuss aspects of
- 23 the project beyond the scope of this GPP. I'll begin by
- 24 calling the name of those who have registered to speak
- 25 or the first and last three digits of your phone number

- 1 if you are using the telephone dial in option and not
- 2 the Zoom app.
- 3 Elected officials and representatives of
- 4 a government agency will be provided the courtesy of
- 5 speaking first. You will be prompted to unmute yourself
- 6 and we will make sure you are ready before starting the
- 7 time clock. You can scroll or swipe to see the time
- 8 clock on your screen. I may also notify you verbally
- 9 when you have 15 seconds remaining.
- 10 Before you speak, please state your first
- 11 and last name for the record. As a reminder, this is a
- 12 public hearing for the proposed Second Modified General
- 13 Project Plan for the Utica Crescent Mixed Use Project.
- 14 We also ask that speakers exercise civil conduct during
- 15 their testimony. Speakers using inappropriate language
- 16 will be muted and cautioned before being allowed to
- 17 continue. Please also note again that this is not a Q
- 18 and A session.
- 19 So the first speakers, we have three
- 20 registered to speak ahead of time. Those are Raul
- 21 Rothblatt, Sinade Wadsworth, and Jay Sorid. And the
- 22 first speaker will be Raul Rothblatt.
- 23 And actually, Raul, are you -- are you
- 24 here? I do not see Raul's name listed among the
- 25 attendees. If you are under a different name, please

- 1 raise your hand. Okay. It looks like Raul is not here,
- 2 so we will come back to him if that -- yeah, hang on one
- 3 second. Anne has asked me to promote Angel Santana. Is
- 4 he representing Raul, Anne?
- 5 MS. ANNE: I'm not sure. I have Raul --
- 6 Raul being first.
- 7 MS. RACA: Okay. Then we'll come back to
- 8 him. And Angel, if you would like to talk, please type
- 9 your name into the chat.
- 10 Okay. The next speaker up is Sinade
- 11 Wadsworth.
- 12 And Sinade I am unmuting you or I'm
- 13 allowing you to talk, so please unmute yourself. You
- 14 will see a prompt to do that.
- MS. WADSWORTH: Hi. Can you hear me?
- MS. RACA: I can.
- MS. WADSWORTH: Hi. Good afternoon.
- MS. RACA: (Indiscernible.)
- MS. WADSWORTH: And yeah. Okay. Hi.
- 20 Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Sinade Wadsworth.
- 21 I am a representative for the New York City District
- 22 Council Carpenters. Thank you for the opportunity to
- 23 speak. I did submit testimony on behalf of the project.
- 24 I would love to see labor standards included regarding
- 25 apprenticeship programs for the community so that people

- 1 can afford to live where they -- where they work at, as
- 2 well as be provided the opportunity to learn a trade in
- 3 the industry where they can be leveled up into the
- 4 middle class. Thank you so much for the opportunity.
- 5 Have a wonderful evening.
- 6 MS. RACA: Thank you very much. Thank
- 7 you for your testimony.
- 8 And the next speaker will be Jay Sorid.
- 9 Jay, I'm going to allow you to talk and
- 10 you can unmute yourself.
- 11 MR. SORID: Hi. Can you hear me?
- MS. RACA: I can.
- 13 MR. SORID: Is there a video function on
- 14 this?
- MS. RACA: No. No video function. Only
- 16 if you're using American Sign Language.
- MR. SORID: That's okay.
- MS. RACA: But go ahead.
- MR. SORID: And -- and before you start
- 20 me, can I ask you, is this being recorded on video?
- 21 This --
- MS. RACA: This --
- 23 MR. SORID: -- this program?
- 24 MS. RACA: The Zoom, is not being
- 25 recorded. The stenographer is making an audio recording

- 1 for her transcript.
- 2 MR. SORID: Okay. All right. I'll begin
- 3 now.
- 4 MS. RACA: Okay.
- 5 MR. SORID: Okay. Thank you very much.
- 6 Number one, I would like to object to this -- this
- 7 public hearing. Number one is the fact that it's not on
- 8 video is an example where New York State -- State Empire
- 9 State Development doesn't want the public to see what's
- 10 going on, to see the reactions and everything like that.
- 11 It's keeping the public in the dark.
- Number two, the developer won this
- 13 project. He got the winning bid back in, like, July of
- 14 2020, and he didn't even come to Community Board 9 yet.
- 15 All the lack of public engagement. He came to the wrong
- 16 district around a week ago. So the community really
- 17 doesn't know what's going on in terms of having at least
- 18 a presentation.
- 19 Number two, how ironic it is that you
- 20 have this on the -- on Passover where Orthodox Jews
- 21 can't attend. Nice going. You also have it on the same
- 22 week when it's a spring recess for the schools when
- 23 everyone's away. You know, it's -- it's a total pattern
- 24 of a lack of -- of community participation, of a lack of
- 25 engagement. And this is across all three projects where

- 1 you never come until the last minute.
- 2 In terms of specifics, this project has
- 3 when we do the numbers, there's 322 units minus 88 of --
- 4 of total units 89 of them supportive housing. You
- 5 subtract that you get 233 family units. Of those 233
- 6 family units, there's only going to be 30 spots. 30
- 7 parking spots for 233 family units plus a 20,000 square
- 8 foot supermarket. There's a big parking problem in that
- 9 part of the neighborhood which hasn't been addressed.
- The other problem is the senior housing
- 11 is senior housing in a -- in a black neighborhood means
- 12 putting grandma in a homeless shelter, psych ward, or
- 13 prison.
- And it is a shame that that's not
- 15 specifically that you don't inform and tell people
- 16 specifically what it is. The definition of frail
- 17 seniors with the homeless includes 55 and over coming
- 18 from the prisons, coming from the psych wards, coming
- 19 from the homeless shelters, and it also includes some --
- 20 some individuals who may be coming from -- from the --
- 21 from -- from skilled nursing. So -- so you have to be
- 22 specific in telling people that it includes target
- 23 populations when can -- which can produce a
- 24 predominantly of homeless individuals who have certain
- 25 conditions which can be dangerous to the seniors.

- Diana Richardson in the 43rd Assembly
- 2 District, the pamphlet said don't combine vulnerable
- 3 minorities. Or don't -- excuse me, "Don't combine
- 4 vulnerable populations." "Don't combine vulnerable
- 5 populations." And that's what you're doing. You're
- 6 putting seniors, you're mixing them together, you're not
- 7 giving enough parking. And this should have never been
- 8 done on a day when people can't attend. It's a lack of
- 9 public engagement.
- 10 It's Passover. The Orthodox Jews who
- 11 live here can't attend. That's why there's only one
- 12 person who's there, because I'm a conservative Jew. I'm
- 13 not part of that group there, but I also am part of the
- 14 Brooklyn Community Board 9 Housing Committee. I come
- 15 here as an individual only. But I tell you that you've
- 16 excluded -- you've also excluded low income people.
- 17 Why is there no hybrid meeting? There's
- 18 no hybrid meeting where people can come in person that
- 19 discriminates against poor people and you've also
- 20 discriminated against old people because old people
- 21 don't know how to use Zoom.
- You've completely done this in a way in
- 23 which there's a lack of public engagement and it's --
- 24 it's disgraceful and it's shameful. And I think you're
- 25 all complicit in this. And I sent -- I sent express

- 1 mails to the -- to the assembly people and also the
- 2 people in Empire State Development. They went ahead
- 3 with this.
- 4 And they -- this was never in the city
- 5 record. Never in the city record. Okay? So you have
- 6 to do that according to secret CEQR and you only put it
- 7 on your website maybe a week ago. This wasn't on the
- 8 website before that. It was only on it before that. So
- 9 you should -- you should reschedule this -- this hearing
- 10 so that the public can come, so that -- so that the
- 11 Orthodox Jews can come, so that older senior citizens
- 12 can come, and so that low income individuals who are
- 13 minorities can come.
- It's a TRIE neighborhood. That means
- it's a low income minority neighborhood. And you've
- 16 done them dirty. You've done them all dirty. And you
- 17 guys are too smart not to know what's going on. And the
- 18 people are going to know, and there's going to be
- 19 accountability.
- 20 And shame on Cunningham for not objecting
- 21 to this. I asked Cunningham to object. He got a big
- 22 part of the Orthodox Jewish vote and he needs to check
- 23 his mezuzah. Okay? Assemblyman Cunningham needs to
- 24 check his mezuzah because he had -- he had a rabbi that
- 25 came to his -- to the -- to the inauguration. Okay?

- 1 And now he basically says he doesn't even object to this
- 2 stuff. Okay. Check it. He needs to check his mezuzah.
- MS. RACA: Thank you for your -- your
- 4 testimony. I did give you a little extra time there.
- 5 Thank you.
- 6 And I see that Raul has joined now. So,
- 7 Raul, if you would like to -- to do your -- speak your
- 8 piece now, that would be fine. I'm going to allow you
- 9 to talk and you can unmute yourself.
- MR. ROTHBLATT: Well, good evening.
- 11 Thank you so much for having this meeting. And thank
- 12 you, Jay, for your passion. I really appreciate your
- input and your dedication to getting more people
- 14 involved in this process. We, of course, share that
- 15 passion, and I'm very grateful for the partnership of
- 16 the Empire State Development. And I'm just here to --
- 17 to observe.
- I think there's -- you know, there's good
- 19 and there's bad in these things. We want to definitely
- 20 encourage participation. Please contact us if anybody
- 21 wants to stay engaged, please call our office, (718)
- 22 771-3105. You can also email me. My email address is
- 23 ROTHBLATTR@nyassembly.gov.
- 24 And that's it. I just -- I'm just here
- 25 to listen and to stay in touch with the community

- 1 members. Thank you so much. Happy Ramadan Mubarak.
- 2 Happy Passover for everybody observing, and I hope
- 3 everybody had a great Easter. Thank you.
- 4 MS. RACA: Thank you for your testimony.
- 5 At this time, I don't see anyone else who
- 6 has registered to speak. Again, if you would like to
- 7 give verbal testimony, please put your name, first and
- 8 last name in the chat and we will call on you. You will
- 9 receive three minutes to speak.
- 10 And so, at this time we will --is there
- 11 anyone else who wishes to speak?
- 12 (Pause.)
- MS. RACA: Okay. As there are no
- 14 speakers registered to provide comments at the present
- 15 time, we will pause the hearing for a brief time until
- 16 additional speakers have registered. If there are
- 17 others who wish to speak, please follow the instructions
- on the screen to use the chat function before 7:30 p.m.
- 19 So now, Doug, we will take a brief break
- 20 while we wait to see if anyone else registers to speak.
- MR. MCPHERSON: Sounds good.
- 22 (Pause.)
- 23 MS. RACA: Hi, everyone. Just a reminder
- 24 that the public hearing is open. It's now 7:00, and we
- 25 have no one signed up to speak at this time. However,

- 1 we will keep the opportunity open until 7:30, so if you
- 2 would like to give verbal testimony, please put your
- 3 name, first and last name in the chat. Thanks.
- 4 (Pause.)
- 5 MS. RACA: Hi, everyone. Just a reminder
- 6 that the public hearing is still open. It is now about
- 7 7:20, and we are still taking sign ups to present verbal
- 8 testimony. If you would like to do so, please put your
- 9 first and last name into the chat, and we will call on
- 10 you to speak. Thank you for joining us.
- 11 (Pause.)
- MS. RACA: Hi, everyone. It is 7:30, but
- 13 we're going to go ahead and keep the opportunity to
- 14 speak open until the end of the hearing at 8:00. So if
- 15 you would like to provide verbal testimony, please put
- 16 your first and last name in the chat. Thanks.
- 17 (Pause.)
- MS. RACA: Hello, everyone. It's 7:45
- 19 and we have 15 minutes left in this public hearing. If
- 20 you would like to give verbal testimony, please put your
- 21 first and last name in the chat and we will call on you.
- 22 Thank you.
- 23 (Pause.)
- 24 MS. RACA: Hi, everyone. Thanks for
- 25 hanging in with us throughout this public hearing. This

- 1 is last call for speakers. If you would like to provide
- 2 verbal testimony, please put your first and last name in
- 3 the chat. Thanks.
- 4 (Pause.)
- 5 MS. RACA: Good evening, everyone. It is
- 6 now 8:00 p.m. As there are no other speakers
- 7 registered, we will close this hearing.
- 8 Thank you again for joining us tonight
- 9 for the public hearing for the Proposed Second Modified
- 10 General Project Plan for the Utica Crescent Mixed Use
- 11 Project. Please note you may submit comments on the
- 12 Proposed Second Modified General Project Plan for the
- 13 Utica Crescent Mixed Use Project to addresses on the
- 14 screen.
- They're in writing to Empire State
- 16 Development, 633 3rd Avenue, New York, New York, 10017.
- 17 Attention Stacey Teran, T-E-R-A-N, or by email to
- 18 uticacrescent@esd.ny.gov. This information is also
- 19 available on ESD's website.
- 20 Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on
- 21 May 12, 2023. All verbal comments made at this public
- 22 hearing and all written comments received by ESD prior
- 23 to 5:00 p.m. on May 12, 2023, will be addressed by ESD
- 24 prior to final consideration of the proposed GPP.
- I want to reiterate that comments on the

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proposed project can be made until 5:00 p.m. On May 12,
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                     The time is now 8:01 p.m., and this
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     hearing is now concluded. Thank you all again for
     attending this evening and good night.
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               (Proceedings concluded at 8:01 p.m.)
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